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WASHINGTON, AUG. 24 (AP)-VOICING "SERIOUS DOUBT THAT VICTORY CAN BE WON" IN SCUTH VIET NAM, A CIA OFFICER SAYS THAT WITH CONTINUED U.S.

AID "AT LEAST A PROLONGED STALEMATE CAN BE ATTAINED."

"THERE IS ALSO A CHANCE THAT POLITICAL EVOLUTION WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND DEVELOPMENTS UPON THE WORLD SCENE COULD LEAD TO SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED UPON NEUTRALIZATION," WILLARD MATTHIAS WROTE IN A JUNE REPORT ON WORLD TRENDS.

ADMINISTRATION SOURCES MADE HIS STUDY AVAILABLE TO NEWSMEN, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE FINDINGS HE REPORTED DO NOT REPRESENT THE U.S.

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THESE SOURCES SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO STEM-MING THE VIET CONG INSURGENTS AND BELIEVE THIS WILL BE DONE, ALTHOUGH THEY CONCEDED THE COMPAIGN MAY BE LONG AND ARDUOUS.

THEY SAID ALSO THAT THE UNITED STATES SEES NO GROUNDS FOR NEGOTIA-TION WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON SOUTH VIET NAM AT THIS TIME. THEY CON-TEND IT IS UP TO THE COMMUNISTS TO QUIT VIOLATING ACCORDS ALREADY REACHED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCES 10 YEARS AGO.

MATTHIAS IS A MEMBER OF THE CIA'S 12-MEMBER BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTI-MATES. THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, SHEAMAN KENT, SAID THE DOCUMENT "HAS GENER-AL DOARD APPROVAL, THOUGH NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO REACH GENERAL

AGREEMENT ON EVERY POINT OF IT."

ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS HAVE WRITTEN NUMBEROUS PAPERS WHICH ARE VALUABLE FOR CIRCULATING IDEAS BUT WHICH DO NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL POLICY. THEY SAID MATTHIAS' PAPER HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AMONG LOWER-RANKING OFFICIALS, BUT WAS NEVER GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

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"THE GUEBRILLA WAR IN SOUTH VIET NAM IS IN 1TS FIFTH YEAR AND NO END APPEARS IN SIGHT;" MATTHIAS WROTE. "THE VIET CONG IN THE SOUTH. . . ARE PRESSING THEIR OFFENSIVE MORE VIGOROUSLY THAN EVER.

MATTHIAS SAID EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR WAS HINDERED BY WHAT HE CALLED POLITICAL CISTAKES OF THE REGIME OF ASSASSINATED PREMIER NGO DINH DIEM, AND ADDED THAT "DIEM'S SUCCESSORS HAVE NOT YET DEMONSTRATED THE LEADERSHIP AND THE INSPIRATION NECESSARY" TO MOUNT A SUCCESSFUL COUNTER-GUERRILLA EFFORT.

"THE REMAINS SERIOUS DOUBT THAT VICTORY CAN BE WON," HE SAID, "AND SITUATION REMAINS VERY FRAGILE. IF LARGE-SCALE U.S. SUPPORT CONTINUES AND IF FURTHER POLITICAL DETERIORATION WITHIN SOUTH VIET NAME IS PREVENTED, AT LEAST A PROLONGED STALEMATE CAN BE ATTAINED."

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